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SUBJECT: CARE PHASES OUT OPERATIONS IN PAKISTAN

1. DIRECTOR OF CARE/PAKISTAN HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT CARE HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK HAS DECIDED TO TERMINATE ORGANIZATION'S OPERATIONS IN PAKISTAN AS OF END OF APRIL, AND SHIFT FOCUS OF ITS ATTENTION TO REFUGEES IN EAST AFRICA.

2. ACCORDING TO PAKISTAN DIRECTOR, CARE WAS LEAVING PAKISTAN BECAUSE UNICEF AND SAUDI ARABIA WERE COMMITTED TO WELL-DIGGING PROJECTS SIMILAR TO THOSE HANDLED BY CARE. OVER PAST TWO YEARS, CARE DUG 216 SHALLOW WELLS FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES. UNICEF PLANS TO BEGIN DIGGING DEEP TUBE WELLS IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER AND SHALLOW WELLS PERHAPS WITHIN A MONTH. ACCORDING TO CARE DIRECTOR, SAUDI ARABIANS HAVE REPEATEDLY STATED INTEREST IN DIGGING TUBE WELLS, THOUGH THEY HAVE YET TO BEGIN. CARE BOARD DID NOT FEEL THAT ITS LIMITED FINANCES, MOSTLY FROM WEST GERMAN SOURCES, SHOULD BE SPENT DUPLICATING PROJECTS OF OTHER AID AGENCIES. HUMMEL

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